

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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Project Name: Pasadena- Pasadena Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Golden Acres & Vince Bayou WWTP Locations  
State/Local Identifier: Application 1331

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the **City of Pasadena**.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **October 15, 2025**, the City of Pasadena, will submit a request to the General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) funds appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended to undertake a project known as **Pasadena- Pasadena Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Golden Acres & Vince Bayou WWTP Locations, Application 1331** for the purpose of **improving the reliability, efficiency, and flood resilience of two (2) Wastewater Treatment Plants to protect critical equipment from future flooding and to ensure continued compliance with environmental regulations and safeguard public health.**

Project Location:

All work will occur in the City of Pasadena, Harris County, Texas in the following locations:

Golden Acres Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements:

- 100 yards South of Spencer Highway and adjacent to the west edge of Trebor Street (29.6642, -95.14252).

Vince Bayou WWTP Improvements:

- 209 N Main Street (29.71545, -95.2084).

**Description of the Proposed Project** [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:  
Sanitary Sewer System Improvements - Golden Acres WWTP

This project includes improvements and modifications to address this critical and urgent need at the GA WWTP. The proposed improvements include modifying the existing solids treatment system such that the waste activated sludge (WAS) pumps transfer WAS to a new sludge holding tank which would be subsequently pumped for dewatering at the existing belt filter presses (BFPs). The improvements will consist of the following:

- Rehabilitation of existing thickener, digester(s), pumps, etc. Additionally, the City is considering replacing the thickener mechanism as well.
- Two (2) new sludge holding basins with coarse bubble diffusers and telescoping valves.
- New sludge transfer pumps to transfer sludge from the new sludge holding tanks to the existing BFPs. Additionally, adding two additional pumps to transfer sludge from gravity thickener to sludge holding tanks.
- New blowers dedicated to the sludge holding tanks.
- Associated yard piping, air piping, site work, electrical and controls improvements.

All proposed equipment and critical mechanical/electrical components will be either elevated 1-ft above the Hurricane Harvey flood elevation for the site or otherwise protected from flooding damage via flood protection means.

Sanitary Sewer System Improvements - Vince Bayou WWTP

The sludge dewatering process reduces the volume of solids being hauled off-site for disposal. The proposed improvements will include replacing the old and non-functional infrastructure with new equipment and restoring the sludge dewatering treatment capacity at VB WWTP so solids generated in the process can be removed as designed and not impact compliance. Specifically, the proposed improvements will include:

- Demolition and replacement of two (2) filter belt presses.
- Two (2) new sludge pumps replacing existing non-operational pump and providing operational redundancies. Piping and valving modifications will be made to allow two pumps to feed a single belt filter press.
- Replacing the existing piping and valves between the three belt wash pumps and belt filter presses as well as polymer system to injection points.
- Replacing the existing polymer feed system, including a new neat polymer bulk storage tank, mixing assembly, and polymer pump skids. A shelf spare mixer will be included for redundancy.
- Associated electrical and controls improvements

The existing sludge dewatering system lacks redundancy and cannot handle permitted flows due to aging and non-operational equipment. All proposed equipment and critical mechanical/electrical components will be either elevated 1-ft above the Hurricane Harvey flood elevation for the site or otherwise protected from flooding damage via flood protection means.

Project Issues: Floodplain Management and Historic Preservation: A full, detailed list of mitigation measures can be found in the Environmental Review Record.

### Project Size and Beneficiaries

The total area of disturbance will be 10.4 acres for the Golden Acres WWTP and 10.25 acres for the Vince Bayou WWTP, and the project shall benefit the entire city. Of the beneficiaries, 52.30% are low- to moderate-income persons.

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Pasadena has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at **City of Pasadena, 1149 Ellsworth Drive, 5th Floor, Pasadena, TX 77506** and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 P.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to **City of Pasadena, 1149 Ellsworth Drive, 5th Floor, Pasadena, TX 77506**. All comments received by **October 14, 2025** or within eighteen (18) days following this posting (whichever is later) will be considered by the City of Pasadena prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Pasadena certifies to GLO that **Zafar Iqbal, PE**, in their capacity as **Senior Assistant Director of Public Works**, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Pasadena to use Program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Pasadena's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Pasadena; (b) the City of Pasadena has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by GLO; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, [env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov](mailto:env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov). Potential objectors should contact GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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**Free oral interpretation of documents related to the DRRP\_PasadenaHarvey\_App1331 Grant are available at Michelle Wilson at (713) 475-7290.**